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Please find enclosed the press release headlined "U.S. District Judge Orders Release of Fouad Al Rabiah from Guantanamo" and include with the file for Levick Strategic Communications, registration number 5649.

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Sincerely,

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U.S. District Judge Orders Release of Fouad Al Rabiah from Guantanamo

Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly directs U.S. Government to repatriate Al Rabiah to Kuwait

WASHINGTON, DC – A federal judge today ordered the release of Kuwaiti citizen Fouad Al Rabiah from the Guantanamo Bay prison, where he has been held for nearly eight years, during which he was subjected to abusive and coercive interrogation methods. The judge ruled that the U.S. government failed to meet its burden of proof necessary to continue Al Rabiah's detention.

"The Government is directed to take all necessary and appropriate diplomatic steps to facilitate the release of Petitioner Al Rabiah forthwith," U.S. District Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly wrote in her order.

For nearly eight years his attorneys and the State of Kuwait have sought for him a hearing before an impartial judge independent of the U.S. Administration to ensure due process.

Khalid Al Odah, head of the Kuwaiti Family Committee, said the families are very grateful for the Judge's courageous actions and the faithful ongoing support by the Government of Kuwait. He also confirmed his understanding that the Government of Kuwait is ready and willing to accept its citizen.

Meanwhile, attorneys for Fouad Al Rabiah today called on the U.S. government to immediately repatriate their client to the Government of Kuwait, one of the most steadfast allies of the United States, which is ready and willing to accept him.

"It is puzzling why neither the Bush nor the current Administration trusts the Federal Courts. The U.S. federal courts have all along provided a reliable route to justice. Justice has finally been served for Fouad Al Rabiah," said David Cynamon, lead attorney for the Kuwaiti detainees and a partner at Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman. "Now, we need the Administration to respect the Federal Court's decision and return our clients to the care and custody of the Government of Kuwait."

"We anxiously await Fouad's return," said Khalid Al Odah, head of the Kuwaiti Family Committee and father of Guantanamo detainee Fawzi Al Odah. "While we cannot make up for

time lost these last seven years, we are very grateful for the Judge's courageous actions."

Al Rabiah, 50, has an established history of international relief work. In October 2001, he was in Afghanistan coordinating delivery of more than 30 trucks of aid supplies from Meshad, Iran, to refugees on the Afghani-Iranian border and to hospitals in Kandahar. Since 1981, Al Rabiah has been a manager for Kuwait Airways and a father of four children.

Al Rabiah is the second Kuwaiti detainee to be ordered released following last year's historic Supreme Court ruling that granted fair hearings to the detainees. Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on July 29, 2009, ordered the release of Kuwaiti detainee Khaled Al Mutairi.

Al Rabiah's habeas corpus hearing began on August 26, 2009, and concluded on August 31, 2009. Fayiz al-Kandari awaits his habeas hearing, which is scheduled for October 19, 2009.

A copy of Judge Kollar-Kotelly's order is attached to this release. An unclassified version of Judge Kollar-Kotelly's opinion is expected to be available by Friday, September 25, 2009.

About the Kuwaiti Family Committee:

The Kuwaiti Family Committee's mission is to seek justice for the remaining Kuwaiti detainees at Guantanamo Bay. The organization is led by Khalid Al Odah, the father of Guantanamo detainee Fawzi Al Odah, and includes in its membership approximately 100 relatives of the prisoners. They are only asking for due process of law for their fathers, brothers, and sons, including speedy proceedings either to release them or to charge and try them in a fair process.

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